Rev. E. T. Torrey

Salem, July 22nd 1839.

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Dear Brother Phelps,

The die is cast - and yesterday announced to my people my determination to leave Salem immediately. The ch. meeting & dismission will take place tomorrow evening - I want to go to the National Convention next week - but if I go, it must be as the agent of your, (our) or of the American Society - Will you have a special meeting of the Committee tomorrow, or Wednesday, and see if they will appoint me an agent -

My mind has settled down upon this - Let St Clair be "gen: agent" or what you will, in Essex, Middlesex, Plymouth, Bristol etc - Me, do. for Worcester & the Western counties - Each with his team of subordinates - Or if Henry comes, let my field be Worcester Co. with adjacent parts of Middle

sex & Norfolk Cos. My location to be at Worcester.
I want to go to work right off. I should like
to be appointed forthwith, & have my term of
service commence forthwith - & continue
one year.

Now as to salary - if my services are
worth $1000, & expenses, per annum, I am
at the service of the committee, body and
soul, so long as the two stick together.
If the committee think they are not worth
so much (I do not say that I will not at
any rate serve them - But I shall feel it
my duty to try some other field of labor
first - I am so much in debt, that I
have no room to be disinterested in the
matter - As I become an agent at all,
it is my desire to remain in this State,
and to be in the employ of the Mass.
Abolition Society - Let the committee
act, and do as they please - only let them
please to act promptly, as I have no time
to delay -

Now My dear Brother,

you know my heart & my circumstances.
will you have the matter attended to, and
let me know the result speedily - The
modus, I leave to your discretion.

Yours with Christian affection

Chas. T. Torrey.

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